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**Wildlife Without Borders - Mexico**

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## **I. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Mexican Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) are soliciting proposals under the *Wildlife Without Borders-Mexico* Program for projects that address Mexico's capacity building for biodiversity conservation.

**Program Goal:** Build human and institutional capacity for biodiversity conservation and management in Mexico through training. Of interest are projects that provide direct and significant training to Mexican personnel in terms of number of individuals trained, strategic or innovative nature of the training, and impact of the training on the conservation of biodiversity. To be considered, projects must fall into one or more of the following three strategic categories (please indicate under which of these categories your proposal falls):

**(1) *Managing for Excellence:*** Training in natural resource conservation and management for Mexican Government personnel, including policy-makers, federal, state, and municipal-level resource managers, and reserve guards. This includes short-term (2-3 weeks) on-the-job courses certified by an educational institution (*Diplomados*), workshops, exchanges of personnel, etc.

**(2) *Stewards of the Land:*** Training in natural resource conservation/management for resource owners and/or direct users, including local communities, rural peasant farmer organizations, and indigenous peoples. This includes training provided through on-the-ground practices, workshops, exchanges of personnel, and other delivery mechanisms appropriate to the training needs of these target groups.

**(3) *Voices for Nature:*** Training in environmental education and/or public outreach for targeted society stakeholder groups, including teachers, school children, journalists, tourists, legislators, non-governmental organizations, and private sector organizations or businesses. This includes workshops, educational programs, production of educational and training material, etc.

### **Program Objectives:**

- Develop specific conservation/management skills of resource managers in Mexico by addressing critical gaps in formal and informal training;
- Increase the number of trained personnel in Mexico;
- Promote training that links sound management practices in priority biodiversity areas to the creation of economic opportunities for local communities;
- Raise the level of awareness and capacity of key stakeholder groups to deliver conservation.

Applicant organizations should be proposing work to be conducted in Mexico. If work is to be conducted in the United States, the proposal must show a clear connection to capacity building for biodiversity conservation in Mexico to be eligible for funding.

Please note that only one proposal per organization per funding cycle will be considered for funding.

**Please note the following related grants programs (for information on how to apply for funding, go to <http://www.fws.gov>):**

Marine Turtle Conservation Fund (marine turtles)  
North American Wetlands Conservation Act Fund (wetlands)  
Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act Fund (migratory birds)  
Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund (endangered species)  
Amphibians in Decline Conservation Fund (amphibians in decline)

## **II. AWARD INFORMATION**

This Initiative uses grant and cooperative agreements as assistance instruments. The type of assistance instrument to be used is the decision of USFWS.

### *Grant Awards*

There is no limit to applicant's funding requests. The period of performance for projects awarded under this Initiative is one year, starting on the date the award is signed by the USFWS. Project proposals must be designed accordingly. Past and present recipients of awards under this program are eligible but must submit new proposals to compete for funding each year.

### *Cooperative Agreements*

The criteria for funding levels, matching in-kind or financial support, period of performance, and the requirement for new proposal for past and present recipients of awards are the same as under Grant Awards. For cooperative agreements, substantive involvement by the USFWS should be expected and may include collaborating jointly with the recipient partner in carrying out the scope of work, drafting the proposal and offering technical assistance. To submit a proposal for consideration as a cooperative agreement, provide a justification statement in the project proposal as to the type and duration of assistance requested of the USFWS and a rationale for why involvement of USFWS is needed to fulfill project objectives.

## **III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION**

**Eligible Applicants:** Applicants under this Initiative can be: individuals; multi-national secretariats, federal, state, and local government agencies; non-profit, non-governmental organizations; and public and private institutions of higher education. U.S. non-profit, non-governmental organizations must submit documentary evidence of their Section 501(c)(3) non-profit status.

**Ineligible Activities:** The Division of International Conservation will not fund:

- the purchase of firearms or ammunitions;
- buying intelligence information or paying informants;
- gathering information by persons who conceal their true identity;
- law enforcement operations that, to arrest suspects, prompt them to carry out illegal activities (entrapment);
- any activity that would circumvent sanctions, laws or regulations of either the U.S. or the country of proposed activity;
- material support or resources to individuals, entities, or organizations of countries that the U.S. Department of State has identified as state sponsors of terrorism. These countries are: Cuba, Iran, Sudan and Syria. (Exceptions may be allowed with clearance from U.S. Department of State)

**Applicant and Partner Contributions:** Applicants and/or other project partners must contribute funds to the project, which may include cash or in-kind contributions. Applicant and partner contributions cannot be included as contributions for any other federally assisted project or program. Funds provided by another U.S. Federal Government agency or another USFWS award cannot be reported as matching contributions but should be noted and explained in detail. Only verifiable contributions should be included as match. A match used during one project may not be repeated as a match in a subsequent proposal.

## **IV. APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: October 1** is the annual deadline. Proposals must be submitted to both the USFWS and SEMARNAT. A confirmation e-mail will be sent out to applicants once their submission has been received.

- 1. APPLICATION FORMAT AND CONTENT:** You must submit your proposal in English or Spanish. (If you submit a proposal in Spanish you must include a project summary in English.) Proposals should be 10 pages or less. Application cover page, figures, tables, maps, curriculum vitae, and required forms do not count toward the 10 page limit.

**Your proposal should include the following elements:**

**A. Application Cover Page**

Complete the Application Cover Page located at [http://www.fws.gov/international/dic/pdf/Cover\\_Page.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/international/dic/pdf/Cover_Page.pdf) according to the instructions on page 3 of the form.

**B. Project Summary**

BRIEFLY summarize your project in one page or less. Include the title of the project, geographic location, and a brief overview of the need for the project, goal(s), objectives, summary project activities, beneficiaries, and expected products. **If you submit a proposal in Spanish you must include a project summary in English.**

**C. Project Narrative**

- 1. Statement of Need:** This section should answer the question, “Why is this project necessary?” Describe why this project is necessary and include supporting information. This should include description of the **direct threats** adversely impacting biodiversity conservation at the project site, the specific **capacity building activities** proposed to reduce or eliminate one or more of these threats, and the **indicators that will be used to measure the conservation impact** of the proposed activities. The **intended audience for the capacity building activity** should be identified (e.g. rangers, protected area managers, local community leaders) and quantified (e.g., number of rangers trained.)
- 2. Map:** This section should answer the question, “Where is this project located?” Provide a map showing the location of your project site at the regional or national level. Ensure that the sites that you have referred to in the proposal are labeled on the map.

Provide the latitude and longitude coordinates of a representative geographic location for your project in decimal degrees format (NOT degree-minute-seconds format). For example, USFWS in Arlington, Virginia, USA, would be provided as 38.8825°, -77.1145° (latitude, longitude). Please correctly enter north and east coordinates as positive values, and south and west coordinates as negative values.

**3. Project Goals and Objectives:**

**Goals:** This section should answer the question, “What do you want to achieve in the long-term?”

**Objectives:** This section should answer the question, “What do you want to achieve in the short-term?” An *objective* is the specific outcome that you want to achieve in order to reach your stated goal, and should reflect a desired change in capacity, threat, or species status. Your objectives must be **attainable** within the project period and should be specific (i.e., clearly defined so that reviewers have the same understanding of what the objectives mean), measurable (i.e., definable in relation to some standard scale), **realistic** (i.e., achievable and appropriate within the context of the project site, and in light of the political, social, and financial context), **results-oriented** (i.e., represent necessary changes in threats, conditions or

- capacity that affect one or more conservation targets or project goals), and **time-limited** (i.e., achievable within the specific period of time of the grant award).
4. **Project Activities, Methods and Timetable:** This section should answer the question, “How are you going to achieve your objectives?” State the proposed project activities and describe how implementation will enable the project team to achieve the stated objectives. Provide a detailed description of the implementation methods for each activity. For each capacity building activity, describe the intended audience (e.g., number and type of people trained) and the capacity building approach (e.g., training, facilitating dialogue, program development, provision of equipment or other resources). Provide a timetable indicating roughly when (over a 12-month timeframe) activities or project milestones will be accomplished. Include any tables, spreadsheets or flowcharts within the body of the narrative (DO NOT include separate attachments). The timetable should not propose specific dates but rather group activities for each month over a 12-month period. To view a sample project timetable go to: [http://www.fws.gov/international/DIC/pdf/Sample\\_timetable.pdf](http://www.fws.gov/international/DIC/pdf/Sample_timetable.pdf)
  5. **Stakeholder Coordination/Involvement:** Describe how you have coordinated with and involved local resource managers and other relevant organizations or individuals in planning your project, and how they will be involved in conducting project activities and disseminating project results.
  6. **Anticipated Benefits and Outputs:** Identify all expected project products/outputs (e.g., management plans, brochures, posters, training manuals, number of people trained, workshops held, hours of training provided, etc.). Once identified, describe the intended impact of the products/outputs on the objectives. Detail how products will be distributed and to which audiences. Please notice that outputs (or products) should generally NOT be used as indicators, including USFWS performance reports.
  7. **Project Monitoring and Evaluation:** This section should answer the question, “How will we know that the project is working successfully?” Describe how you (or others) will monitor project progress and measure the project’s results and impacts. Include details on how you will assess your progress toward reaching the objectives such as the specific metrics or indicators you would use to report project implementation (e.g., number of workshops held, number of trained park guards, number of trees planted, number of species protected, etc.) and what specific metrics or indicators you would use to report on intended project outcomes (e.g., core competencies obtained, change in behavior of workshop attendees, increase in awareness, and conservation action). Indicate how project participants and beneficiaries will participate in these activities.
  8. **Sustainability:** Explain which project activities will continue beyond the year described in your proposal and how these activities will be funded in the future.
  9. **Description of Organization(s) Undertaking the Project:** This section should answer the question, “Who are you?” Provide a brief description of the applicant organization and all cooperating organizations and agencies. State the activities for which each group or individual is responsible. Provide brief (1-2 pages) *curricula vitae* for key personnel, identifying their qualifications to meet the project objectives. DO NOT include Social Security numbers, the names of family members, or any other personal or sensitive information including marital status, religion or physical characteristics.
  10. **Other Sources of Funding:** Provide information on other sources of funding to this project past and current.
  11. **Project Budget Table**  
**Things to consider when developing your Budget Table:**

- **Federally Funded Equipment:** If the U.S. Federal Government has paid for equipment for another award, applicants cannot claim it to be a matching or in-kind contribution and SHOULD NOT include it in the budget table. Instead, provide a separate list of any equipment paid for by the U.S. Federal Government that will be used for the project, including the name of the Federal agency that paid for the equipment.
- **Indirect Costs:** We encourage applicants to keep indirect costs to a minimum. Applicants with Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreements (NICRA) must include a copy with their proposal. If they so choose, applicants with NICRA rates may request less than their negotiated rate and/or contribute indirect costs as a match.
- **Program Income:** Your project may include activities that will generate program income. Program income earned as a result of activities supported with Federal funding includes, but is not limited to the following: income from fees for services, the use or rental of property, the sale of commodities or fabricated items, license fees and royalties on patents and copyrights, and interest on loans. Program income does not include interest earned on advances of Federal funds. Under this Fund, income earned during the project period of an approved award shall be retained by the recipient and used in at least one of the following ways:
  1. added to the funds requested from the USFWS for the project in addition to those committed by the recipient/other partners, and later used to conduct additional activities that will further the project objectives; OR
  2. used to finance the non-Federal share of the project.

If your project will generate program income, provide: (1) a description of how the income will be generated, (2) an estimate of how much income will be made during the project duration, and (3) a description of how the funds will be used. If the income is to be used to conduct additional activities, you must include a Program Income column in your budget table and include all cost categories/items and associated amounts that the program income will cover.

#### **Instructions for Budget Table:**

**Begin your project budget table on a new page.** The budget table should include a column for all cost categories/items for the project, one column to show the cost calculation, a column for the total costs, one column for the requested USFWS funding, one or more columns for applicant and partner contributions, and, if applicable, a column for any program income that will be used to conduct project activities, as demonstrated in the example table:

Category/ Budget Item	Cost Calculation	TOTAL COST	USFWS	Applicant	“Partner X”	“Partner Y”	Program Income (if applicable)
I. Per Diem:							
A. Instructor (1)	\$500.00/month *6 months	\$3,000	\$x,xx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx.xx
B. Trainees (30)	\$60/day*5 days*30 trainees	\$9,000	\$x,xx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx.xx
2. Lodging (11 individuals)	20 nights *11 people * \$15/night	\$3,300.	\$x,xx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx.xx
3. Transportation:							
A. Plane tickets (6 individuals)	6 tickets * \$200/each	\$1,200	\$x,xx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx.xx
B. Bus tickets (30 individuals)	30 tickets * \$20/each	\$600	\$x,xx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx.xx
4. Production of training material:							
A. Printing (100 manuals)	100 manuals * \$10/each	\$1,000	\$x,xx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx.xx
B. Postage	12 months * \$20/month	\$240 usd	\$x,xx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx.xx
<b>Totals</b>			\$x,xx	\$x,xx	\$x,xx	\$x,xxx	\$x,xxx.xx

-You must present all amounts in U.S. dollars or your proposal will not be considered for funding.

-We cannot accept the term “contingencies” in the budget as a line item.

-To view a sample project budget table go to:

<http://www.fws.gov/international/dicprograms/Sample%20Budget.pdf>

The budget table should provide enough information for reviewers to be able to understand the cost basis and calculation at a glance. For example, a \$3,300 line item for lodging costs should include the formula for how the cost was calculated: *Lodging for 20 nights x 11 people x \$15/night = \$3,300*. Wherever possible, cost calculations should be included in the Project Budget Table, but where necessary, additional description should be provided in the Budget Justifications. If the budget table requires more than one page, verify that the column headings and row titles appear on all pages.

**12. Budget Justifications:** Justify or explain all requested budget items/costs. Demonstrate a clear connection to project activities, and show how line item amounts were determined. For expensive items or large single purchases, provide detailed technical specifications or a pro-forma invoice. Requests for personnel salary should be well documented, including the base-line salary figure and the estimate of time (percent) to be directly charged to the project. Assistance to cover personnel salaries is generally given a lower priority.

**13. Governmental Endorsement:** Non-governmental applicants must include a RECENT letter of support (no older than two years) from the appropriate local, regional, or national government wildlife or conservation authority. Where appropriate, letters of support from local communities or project beneficiaries should be provided. Endorsement letters should make specific reference to the project by its title, as submitted on the applicant’s proposal.



## 2. PROPOSAL APPLICATION CHECKLIST

### ALL PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE:

- ☐ Signed Grant Application Cover Page (MUST be signed by authorized representative)
- ☐ DUNS Number
- ☐ CCR certification
- ☐ Project Summary (1 page)
- ☐ Map
- ☐ Project Narrative
- ☐ Timetable
- ☐ Budget Table
- ☐ Budget Justification
- ☐ Summary *curricula vitae* (1-2 pages maximum) for key personnel
- ☐ Recent Letter of Governmental Endorsement
- ☐ Audit Report (Only necessary if your organization has expended more than \$500,000 of Federal assistance per year. For more information go to: <http://harvester.census.gov/sac/>)

### PROPOSALS FROM U.S. APPLICANTS MUST ALSO INCLUDE:

- ☐ A complete, signed Standard Form 424-Application for Federal Assistance  
<http://www.fws.gov/international/DICprograms/sf%20424.pdf>
- ☐ A complete Standard Form 424b-Assurances  
<http://www.fws.gov/international/DICprograms/sf%20424b.pdf>
- ☐ Documentary evidence of Section 501(c)(3) non-profit status, if applicable
- ☐ A copy of your organization's Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, if applicable

## 3. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

### A. REGISTRATION: Before submitting a proposal, you must be registered in the following databases:

- Dun and Bradstreet Number System (DUNS)
- Central Contractor Registration Database (CCR)
- Grants.gov (Domestic applicants only)

**Dun & Bradstreet Universal Number System (DUNS):** U.S. Government-wide policy requires that all applicants, organizations and individuals, both domestic and non-domestic, apply for, and include, a nine-digit Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Number System (DUNS) on their proposal. Applicants without a DUNS number should go to <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>. Applicants who already have a DUNS number are responsible for updating changes to their address or business name with Dun and Bradstreet directly. *The organizational address (Grant Administrator) must match the address in Dun & Bradstreet's system.*

**Central Contractor Registration (CCR) Database:** All domestic and most foreign applicants MUST be registered in the CCR database to apply for funding. Exceptions are: 1) all individuals; 2) all Federal agencies; 3) foreign applicants submitting a proposal for less than \$25,000. CCR is used by the U.S. government as the repository for standard information about applicants and recipients of federal funds. *Recipients* must maintain an active CCR registration with current information at all times during the project period.



Domestic registrants go to: <http://www.ccr.gov> (click on “What you need to Register”)

Non-Domestic registrants go to: <https://www.bpn.gov/ccr/international.aspx>

**Grants.gov:**

**U.S. Applicants:** MUST apply through Grants.gov. If you do not have an account, you must register. Go to: <http://www.Grants.gov/Get Registered>

*It may take up to three weeks to complete the Grants.gov registration.*

**B. SUBMISSION**

**Domestic Applicants:** You must apply through Grants.gov. Your entire proposal including the cover page MUST be uploaded as a SINGLE pdf file. Attach your file on the Attachment Form. **For further instructions, see above.**

**Non-Domestic Applicants:** May submit through e-mail (WWB\_Mexico@fws.gov or edpeters@ine.gob.mx) or Grants.gov.

Grants.gov: **NOTE:** SEMARNAT does not have access to proposals submitted through Grants.gov. Applicants choosing to submit proposals to the USFWS through Grants.gov must also submit a printed copy to SEMARNAT at the address listed above. *Applicants are not required to submit proposals through Grants.gov.* See above for instructions.

E-mail: All documents must be printable on letter paper (8 ½” x 11”). Format all pages to display and print page numbers. We prefer to receive the entire proposal as a SINGLE file attachment. If you need to submit separate attachments please try to send them all together in a single e-mail message. If your files are too big for a single e-mail, please number your e-mails and attachments so that we know the order of your submissions.

E-mail your proposal to the USFWS at WWB\_Mexico@fws.gov and to SEMARNAT at edpeters@ine.gob.mx

**V. APPLICATION REVIEW**

The USFWS may solicit advice from qualified experts to conduct a technical review of your proposed project. The USFWS may also discuss your proposal with known past and present partners to reduce the potential for waste, fraud and abuse.

**Review Criteria:** To be considered for funding, proposals must address one or more of this program’s priority areas, listed above in the Description of Funding Opportunity. The Division of International Conservation ranks proposals by scoring how well each proposal addresses the program priority areas and the requested elements listed in the Application and Format section above. High priority, well-justified projects that address all of the requested proposal elements will receive higher scores. These scores are not the sole determining factor for final funding decisions. Other review criteria include considering the degree to which a project will:

- Provide direct, significant, strategic, and innovative training in biodiversity conservation or natural resource management to Mexican personnel associated with high priority biodiversity areas;
- Use innovative capacity building approaches to develop local capacity to implement conservation activities;
- Build capacity of a key target audience to make and implement decisions and perform functions and activities in an effective, efficient, and sustainable manner (including providing training, resources, technologies, and institutions needed to address current issues or emerging problems);
- Identify the appropriate and intended audience in need of capacity building;
- Recognize/contribute to close the gap between knowledge and action;
- Involve critical reflection and action;
- Identify and mentor local leaders in conservation;

- Provide project management experience to local personnel, strengthening the local capacity to implement and manage conservation programs;
- Include the participation of local people in project activities, or otherwise contributes to local empowerment;
- Implement an important element of a larger scale/scope project that would provide synergetic value;
- Build upon complementary activities of other organizations/individuals in a manner which will lead to efficient, effective conservation of the resource;
- Apply the best scientific and technical information available in support of project activities;
- Result in specific and measurable products and management actions;
- Provide for the development of a demonstration activity that can be replicated for widespread use;
- Promote networking, partnerships and/or coalitions;
- Utilize requested funds in an efficient, cost-effective manner to accomplish project objectives;
- Implement activities/benefits with the potential to be sustained beyond the life of the grant;
- Include specific measurable products and management actions;
- Present demonstrative value (implementation of a novel approach that includes an assessment of the merits and widespread use of the approach);
- Include activities that can be replicated elsewhere;
- Involve a coalition of stakeholders;
- Maintain a positive track record with USFWS based on previous grant support, if applicable, including timely submission of financial and performance reports and a summary of major activities and accomplishments of previous USFWS support in the Statement of Need section.

The above considerations are not listed in any order of importance. All considerations listed do not necessarily apply to every proposal. The Division of International Conservation occasionally receives and funds proposals outside of the announced submission deadlines that are of such a critical nature that they warrant immediate consideration (include e.g., projects resulting from a natural disaster, disease outbreak, other imminent threats or population crash, among others).

## **VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION**

**Award Notices:** Successful applicants will be e-mailed written notice in the form of an Assistance Award document, along with an enrollment form for the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) for their banking information. Applicants whose projects are not selected for funding will receive an e-mail notice within 180 days of their proposal submission.

**Administrative and National Policy Requirements:** Go to <http://www.fws.gov/international/DIC/pdf/aag.pdf> to review the Division of International Conservation's *Assistance Award Guidelines*, which details the policies, terms, and conditions applicable to awards made under this program.

***Please note that all payments made to domestic recipients after September 30, 2011 will be through Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP).***

**Domestic registrants:** Payments will be issued through U.S. Department of Treasury via the self-initiated electronic drawdown system, Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP). To view instructions and initiate ASAP enrollment, go to: <http://www.fws.gov/fbms/>

**Non-Domestic registrants:** Please refer to the payment instructions provided in your Award announcement email.

**Reporting:** The standard reporting requirements are:

- **Mid-Term:** a **performance report, which includes an executive summary no longer than one page** and a **financial status report**, due 30 days after the first half of the project period; and
- **Final:** a **performance report, which includes an executive summary no longer than one page**, a **financial status report**, and copies of all deliverables and products resulting from the project, including photographic documentation of project activities, due within 90 days of the end of the project period.

The above reporting requirements will apply to all awards unless otherwise indicated in the Scope of Work section of the award document. Requirements for more frequent reporting will be at the discretion of the USFWS Program Officer and may be modified by the USFWS Program Officer during the project period. See the Division of International Conservation's *Assistance Award Guidelines* document at <http://www.fws.gov/international/DIC/pdf/aag.pdf> for additional reporting information.

**Branding:** All materials (presentations, reports, large equipment purchases, infrastructure, awards, and other items as deemed relevant) produced under any award intended for distribution must acknowledge the support of USFWS by showing the USFWS logo. Photo-ready and vector format logos are available upon request from the USFWS Program Officer.

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